

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cocke County Sheriff's
Deputy Robert Scott Miller.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Cocke County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Scott Miller, tragically killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller, the first Cocke County sheriff's deputy to be killed in a confrontation with a suspect, died while trying to apprehend two escaped prisoners; and

WHEREAS, he had been an exemplary deputy for five years and had been widely praised for his extraordinary competence and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, Cocke County Sheriff Tunney Moore praised him stating "Scott Miller was one of the best. Cocke County was a better and safer place when he wore his uniform. Cocke County will always be indebted to him for his life was taken to make your life, and your daughter's life, safer."; and

WHEREAS, Cocke County Executive Harold Cates honored the slain hero saying "Scott Miller was not only an excellent deputy who served his community with pride and distinction, he was also a fine individual."; and

WHEREAS, Newport Mayor Danny Wester echoed the voice of the community, stating "He deserves all our recognition because he was a brave man."; and

WHEREAS, he was the son of Robert and WilmaSue Owenby Miller of Newport; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller was also a valued member of the Tennessee National Guard, the local honor guard, the Cocke Country Rescue Squad and was an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller enjoyed the loving companionship of Cindy Mantooth Miller and was the proud father of Amber Brooke Miller; and

WHEREAS, the shining legacy he leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Robert Scott Miller and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared and distributed.

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